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Dear Boris:

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 November. I am sending this reply in time to reach you between the 3rd and 15th of December.

First, let me thank you again for your gift of the three Russian books on the alleged solution of the Maya hieroglyphic writings. I am also much indebted to your brother Wolodja for purchasing and sending them to me, and shall write him a note. I could not ascertain whether he sent them via air express or ordinary surface mail. At any rate the cost of transportation seemed pretty high--800 Swedish Öre--but the package contained no air-mail or air-express label. I feel that I should at least re-imburse him to cover the cost of shipment. How much do 800 Öre amount to in U.S. dollars? Please let me know so that I can send Wolodja my check.

Of course, I can't read the Russian text but I can look at the many pictures. And I have English or Spanish translations of much of the text, as I have been collecting material on this subject.

I am enclosing herewith an offprint of my article on Shakespeare and hope that you will find it interesting. I may follow this one with several more, or else by a book to cover the subject as a whole. This I am being urged to do by the people at the Folger Shakespeare Library and it seems well worth doing.

I have had one report on M. Pierre Henrion, from a friend in France. He seems to be an unknown in the crypto world, but it will be interesting and useful to see what your friend Muller can learn about him. My personal opinion is that Henrion is not well informed and is carried away by his theories about Bacon as author of Shakespeare.

My over-activities have begun to tell upon my health. My blood pressure is way up--at least 200--and the doctor says I'll just have to slow down. At my age I am trying to do too much, and I suppose he is right because I feel under such pressure most of the time now.

I hope you had a nice trip to Vienna and are going to have an even nicer one in Sweden.

With reiterated thanks and affectionate regards.

Sincerely,

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